

The Middletown Transcript.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

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The Newspaper.

Some one has said that a good newspaper is like a sensible and true-hearted friend, whose appearance on one's threshold or at one's bedside, gladdens the mind with the promise of a pleasant and profitable hour.

This is a very sensible view to take of the subject. But, all people are not sensible. Some men think more of a chew of tobacco than they do of all the mental pabulum which all the newspapers in the land could afford. Some are "too poor" to take a paper, but spend more money for whiskey than would suffice to pay for a dozen newspapers, and furnish their wives and children with a dozen of the best magazines. They are "too poor" to furnish some little mental aliment to their children, calculated to expand their minds and brighten their intellects; but are rich enough, and find money enough, to buy hurtful stimulants calculated to dwarf and stupefy their own. Such people are objects of pity, where they are not deserving of contempt.

A newspaper is the cheapest commodity which a man can introduce into his household; it benefits him in a thousand ways. It amuses and instructs him, and keeps him posted upon current events, at home and abroad. It advises him of all changes in business, removals, sales, purchases, accidents, the state of the markets, the state of the crops, marriages, deaths, and every incident worthy of note, near or far. A good newspaper adds to the importance of the place where it is published. It attracts the attention of strangers, makes known the business advantages and the facilities for trade and travel of the region around it, and gives many valuable hints and suggestions to the farmer, the mechanic, and the man of business. And yet, there are men in business (we will not call them business men) who do not support their local newspaper. They enjoy, in common with every one else, the general benefits which the newspaper confers upon the community, but make no return. Like the land-tortoise, they live within their shells, and for themselves alone. Not even Bunyan's "Muck Rake" were more selfish or more covetous. Happily for society the number of such is small.

The newspaper establishment is a component part of the business of the town. The capital it employs is so much added to the common stock. The money it earns is expended in the community whence it draws its support. Its employees must have houses to live in, food to eat and raiment to put on; and thus it aids in sustaining the community by which it is itself sustained; the benefit is reciprocal and mutual.

"But its views do not accord with my own," says some one. Very well, do you expect everybody to agree with you in opinion? Can you tolerate no opinion that does not agree with your own? How then do you expect other men to tolerate your views? It is natural for men to differ with each other; and it is proper and right that they should. It is the order of Nature. But you would reverse Nature's law, and make all men agree with you, or proscribe them if they cannot. This is anti-republican; nay, more—it is the quintessence of despotism, of which every republican ought to feel heartily ashamed. The newspaper is as much entitled to its opinions as you are to yours, and we would not give a fig for the editor who has not the manliness to avow his sentiments and to maintain them. The freedom of the press allows and requires it. In doing so, however, he need not, and should not, do it in an offensive way. A fair criticism of the public acts of public men is allowable, but where criticism degenerates into personal denunciation and abuse, it is no longer an exercise of the liberty of the press, it is licentiousness, for which both personal and legal responsibility is incurred. A properly-conducted journal will avoid it.

We might extend our remarks upon this topic, *ad libitum*, but let what has been said suffice.

We notice that the local column of the last Cecil Democrat was enriched by a production from the facile pen of Mantou Marble, of the New York World, entitled "Christmas Day." We congratulate Mr. Cruikshank upon the acquisition of so able a contributor to his local department.

President Johnson issued on Christmas day a proclamation of universal amnesty to all persons of what ever class, grade, or condition, who participated in the late rebellion. It is general and unconditional in its provisions, and grants full restoration to rights and citizenship to the entire South.

The New Year was ushered in with clouds and storm and driving rain and sleet. Let us hope that it is not a type of its general character. A milder aspect we hope to see it wear, after further acquaintance.

Meeting of the Delaware Legislature, Division of New Castle County—A New Bank in Middletown—The School Laws—The Rail Road Tax.

The Legislature convenes on Tuesday next. Among the subjects of legislation likely to be brought before it at the ensuing session, is a division of the county. It is alleged that the population has now grown so great, in this county, and the business is so much augmented, that the terms of the Court are of wearisome duration, often protracted to three or four weeks, during all which time jurors are compelled to attend, and are thus kept away from home and from business to their great detriment and inconvenience. It is also alleged, in this section of the county, that the proportion of expenses for roads, bridges, and the maintenance of the poor, is much greater than in justice and equity to the tax payers here, it ought to be. The roads and bridges of the upper part of the county, impose a heavy charge upon the tax payers here, where the roads require far less outlay. In like manner property here is taxed to support the paupers of Wilmington. The public burdens press more heavily upon this section. Our lands are not only more highly improved and pay more into the public treasury, but our expenditures are less. Legislation is therefore required to correct this inequality.

A new bank charter will be asked for by certain citizens of Middletown and vicinity, who propose to start here a bank of discount and deposit. The gentlemen whose names are associated with this new enterprise, are among the wealthiest in this section. It is their purpose, we hear, to put this institution into operation, as soon as the charter can be obtained.

The School Law will probably be somewhat modified, and the matter of Railroad taxation will receive the early attention of the Legislature.

We shall have a correspondent at Dover and will furnish our readers with a comprehensive synopsis of the proceedings each week.

Our CORRESPONDENCE.—We publish two communications, to-day, which will command more than the usual attention: One is in reference to the Kent Rail Road and its reprehensible mismanagement; and the other is in reference to the alleged blunders beginning to be practiced by the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Rail Road Company, towards the members of the Delaware Legislature, in the distribution of FREE PASSES. This courtesy towards the Legislature would attract little or no attention, ordinarily; but, at the present time, when the Rail Road Company stands in a defiant attitude towards the State, it is not to be wondered at that it should attract attention, or excite public jealousy. We should prefer to make our trips over the Rail Road at our own expense, under the circumstances. The members of the Legislature, however, we feel well assured, will know how to appreciate these little attentions of the Rail Road Company, and estimate them at their true value.

The sentiment of Sir Robert Walpole, the corruptest man of his age, (that every man has his price) with which our correspondent "A," sets out, is one to which we have never subscribed, nor do we suppose our correspondent intended to apply it to the members of the Legislature. It is used only in a general sense, and would be eminently unjust towards the estimable gentlemen composing that body.

A writer in the *Journal and Statesman* proposes to divide New Castle county so as to cut off Wilmington by herself. Another proposition is to divide by the line of the Christians. A third is to divide by the turnpike leading from Elkton to Hare's Corner, thence by a direct line to the river. This division would leave a compact territory of about twenty-four miles in length and fifteen in breadth, with a population of 20,000. Middletown being nearly central and directly on the rail road, would be the proper place for the county seat, and the new county might be called Read county, in honor of one of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence. We commend this plan of division to the attention of the people and our legislators, as convenient, economical, and every way desirable.

Ex-Senator Creswell, of Elkton, is urged for a place in Gen. Grant's Cabinet; or failing in that, he will probably be made Collector of the port of Baltimore, a very snug berth for a shrewd politician.

The Transcript greets its readers this morning, with the compliments of the season, and "A Happy New Year."

The news from Eastern Europe is very warlike. Diplomatic relations have been broken off between Turkey and Greece, the Turkish ambassador having left Athens, and the Greek ambassador Constantinople. It is also reported that the Turkish ultimatum has been definitely rejected by the Greek Government, amidst the greatest enthusiasm.

The Baltimore Gazette has a Christmas sweet potato a foot long, fifteen inches in circumference, and weighing ten and a half pounds. It was raised in Savannah.

THE TRANSCRIPT FOR 1869.

A NEW VOLUME

The present issue closes the first volume and the first year of the MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT. Its circulation has steadily increased from the first issue until now. Its publisher, relying upon the intelligence and public spirit of this community, started the enterprise here just one year ago, satisfied that it could not fail to meet a liberal support. He has not been disappointed. And now, in order to widen and extend its field of labor and usefulness, he offers the following liberal inducements to such of the friends of the journal as may have the time and inclination to compete for the following Premiums:

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Article.	Quantity.	Price (Silver).
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Any one procuring five new subscribers, will be entitled to a copy gratis.

As explanatory of the above proposition, we will give a premium of a Chased double-plated Tea Set, costing \$50, for 80 new subscribers, accompanied by the cash subscription \$160; or, if preferred, we will pay the price of the articles (\$50) in money; and so on throughout the list.

Dec. 26th, 1868.

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

The skating had been quite fine, for several days, until the snow, which fell on Wednesday, interrupted the sport. The ladies turned out in considerable numbers, but it was not all sport to some of them. Four of them got pretty hard falls, and were cut by the ice, more or less severely, about the head. Two of them had to have surgical aid, and will strike out with more caution next time. Skating is a pleasant recreation, but without caution, is attended with peril. Until practice imparts some proficiency in the art, ladies should not attempt to skate unattended by gentlemen. In skating woollen fillets are worn upon the head in some countries to guard against accidents from falling. It is a good practice and might be adopted with benefit here.

PRESENTATION.—The students of the Middletown Academy presented their teachers, Messrs. Hicks & Woods, with a very beautiful and finely ornamented cake weighing, with the flower wreath which surrounded it, 14 pounds, as a token of their respect and esteem. The presentation, which was a perfect surprise to the teachers, was made at the close of the examinations, Thursday, by one of the students, Mr. Barris, accompanied by appropriate remarks which were responded to by the teachers. There were beside the students, quite a number of the citizens present.

The Delaware branch road from Townsend to Massey's is progressing rapidly. The road is now about half graded, and about 500 tons of iron delivered at Townsend. Mr. Parker has until the first of May to complete the work, but will finish it long before that time, at the rate the road is now progressing. Mr. Parker proposes to commence laying the track in about a week.

Queen Anne's has about twenty miles of her road ready to lay the track upon, and the grading is now going on near Centreville.

FIRE APPARATUS.—The Commissioners of Middletown have provided a number of ladders and water-buckets, to be used in case of fire. Several axes ought also to be added, and the whole kept in a place of easy access, to be used at a moment's notice. Delay is what is most destructive in case of a fire. If fires were vigorously attacked, as soon as discovered, they could be more readily extinguished.

The Masonic Fair and Festival, at Chesapeake City, has been well attended. The Amphion Band, of this town, was present on Tuesday evening. This evening will afford the greatest attraction of all. The prizes will all be drawn and disposed of to the lucky ones, and the beautiful piano will be awarded this evening to one of two ladies, causing her heart to re-joyce.

The festival of St. John, the Evangelist, was duly observed here, on Sunday last. A very able sermon was preached by Rev. John Collins McCabe, D. D. in the Masonic Hall, which was thrown open to the public on the occasion. The members of Union Lodge and the citizens present crowded the Hall to its utmost capacity. Dr. McCabe's sermon elicited the admiration of all who heard it.

Wm. F. Vandyke, residing near Locust Grove, Kent county, Md., had a valuable mare stolen from his stable on Christmas morning.

Andrew McCullough has sold his farm of 35 acres, near Centreville, in Christiana Hd. to Wm. B. Parkins, for \$5,700.

Hazel nuts are found near Still Pond, Kent county, Md.

For the Middletown Transcript.

MR. EDITOR:—As a stockholder in the Kent Co. R. R. Company, I desire, after waiting patiently for some decisive action on the part of the Directors, to offer through the columns of your valuable paper, a few practical thoughts and suggestions. Is it not passing strange, that while the Union Pacific Company can move rapidly forward with their stupendous work, that the Queen Anne's Company, in a sister county, now only have about five miles of their road to grade, with 18,000 cross ties delivered on the line of the road and 28,000 more ready to be delivered; with the Md. & Del. road now under contract to Easton, that the Board of Directors who represent the Kent Co. Company have met and adjourned for two years, and to-day are without a contractor, and a large portion of the stockholders despair of ever getting a road, and during the freeze farmers from near Chestertown hauled their grain to Middletown, a distance of 30 miles? There is a mystery about the matter, and many of the stockholders have come to the conclusion that a majority of the Board are either governed by sinister, selfish motives, or are totally incapacitated to discharge the duty of a railroad director. Gentlemen, for more than two years you have been shifting and vacillating, obstinately persisting in coming through Cecil Co. and Delaware to Middletown, when any man of ordinary capacity, upon reflection, must have known that the Kent Company had all they could do to construct a road from Massey's Cross Roads to Swan Creek. Time and sad experience must by this time have convinced you of the danger of procrastination, and the supreme folly in even thinking about building a railroad on first mortgage bonds. In less than three months after you made a contract, your itinerant contractor abandoned your work, threw up the contract, and to-day iron from \$8 to \$10 per ton higher than it was last Spring. When the Delaware road magnanimously offered to build a branch road from Townsend to Massey's Cross Roads, which will cost at least 150,000, this wise Board, for more than a year refused to pledge connection, losing thereby a more favorable connection at Massey's than can now possibly be made, giving entirely the location of the junction at that point to the Queen Anne's company, at a cost of several thousand dollars to the Kent company. It is confidently believed by many of the stockholders that this refusal to connect with the Del. branch at Massey's had its main object and motive in first securing the building of that nuisance, viz, the wharf at Chestertown, deluding many into the belief that the connection could be made at Middletown, and on first mortgage bonds of the Kent company the whole road could be speedily completed. We, however, give you credit, at a very late day in passing a resolution connecting with the Del. branch at Massey's, and now on the first day of next May, Mr. Parker will cause his engine to whistle at Massey's Cross Roads. The cars to-day would have been running to Massey's Cross Roads, if you had passed a connecting resolution as the Queen Anne's Road did last Spring. But you hesitated until the season had well nigh expired, but did agree, and I have completed a wharf on Chester river in the town of Chestertown.

Will any director explain to the stockholders why they voted away thousands of dollars of the Company's money to build a wharf on Chester river? Now what benefit will a wharf at Chestertown be towards building the Rail Road? Besides, we are informed that money has been expended in constructing that wharf than the town subscribed towards building the road. Directors, how can you justify yourselves in taking the Company's money to improve your country town? I hear that the pretext for the wharf was to land iron from Germany. What an absurdity! A vessel large enough to cross the ocean could not come up to Chestertown, but must land her iron in Baltimore, then reship on a smaller boat to Chestertown, then landed on a wharf largely made up of pine piling, which any practical man knows the worms will eat up in five years; then removed back from this wharf on fast land, then put on a car to be run out of the town over expensive building lots which if covered over with greenbacks would not satisfy the owners. Gentlemen, you who voted to put that wharf on Chester river, had a right to do it with your own funds, but in the name of the stockholders you represent we protest against your taking the company's money and wasting it on the banks of Chester river; and in justice to the company every director who voted to build that wharf ought to divide its cost between them and at once reimburse the treasury to that amount.

Now, gentlemen, as time has passed, and as nine-tenths of the stockhold believe your total incapacity to put this great enterprise into operation, for the good of all interested call a meeting at once and tender your resignations, and let us have a Kent County Rail Road. Elect such men as Dr. Kennard, John P. Cochran, of Del. Wm. Welsh, John Kennedy, Sam'l. Hurlock, with Senator Vickers as your President; let your road go under contract to such men as Parker, or Stearns, or Quigley; let the grading commence at Massey's Cross Roads, and in less than a year Chestertown will hear the snort of the iron horse, demonstrating what practical men can do when stripped of prejudice and selfishness.

STOCKHOLDER.

A SHORT AND CHEAP TRIP.—When the railway across the continent of America is completed, there will be constant conveyance by means of railways and mail packets for passengers desiring to travel round the world. The grand tour will be twenty-two thousand miles in length, and will cost \$1,500, and will be accomplished in about eighty days. The American tourist will be able to visit England, Japan, China, Ceylon and Egypt. He will cross Atlantic, North, Pacific and Indian oceans, the Red and Mediterranean seas, the continent of America and the delta of Egypt. He will be able to sail the beginning of May, and to arrive home again about the middle of July.

Ex-President Roberts of Liberia, has become a permanent resident of Washington, D. C.

Newark, N. J. has two velocipede manufactories.

For the Middletown Transcript.

The Delaware Legislature.

"Every man," it is said, "has his price." The only question is, how much? The P. W. & B. R. R. having set the State at defiance, are already commencing the nice little game of buying the Members of the Legislature. Rumor tells us of sundry overtures having already been indirectly made to certain parties, but the positive ones that we know of, a presentation of free passes over the P. W. & B. R. R. and Del. R. R. for three months from Jan. 1st, 1869. Could yankee impudence go further? Assume to first instruct the people of Delaware as to what is law, next, how much they propose to obey, and lastly, to prevent being brought to terms, attempt to buy the Legislature. Mr. Hinckley must value free rides very highly or consider the members of Delaware Legislature very low priced. Perhaps the R. R. Cos. will give this Legislature an excursion to Richmond, or mayhap, Mr. Hinckley may consider the *Hub* a more desirable location for tampering with the members. Two years ago the State officials were similarly accommodated, and the peach growers dearly paid for it. Will this Legislature go and do likewise? Let the people see to it. Members of the Legislature are but men. A.

New Castle Co. Del. Dec. 30, 1869.

Population of the United States.

We have received from Hon. Alexander Delmar the annual report, dated November 18, 1868, of the bureau of statistics to the Secretary of the Treasury. We find in it interesting statements both of our population and foreign commerce, besides many other valuable facts. It gives the following as the results of the census of the population of the United States which was obtained by the bureau during the year 1867, in accordance with the practice instituted in the year 1866. The results have been obtained by means of inquiries instituted through the internal revenue collection organization, the jurisdiction of whose numerous officers covers the entire area of the country. The population for 1867 is put down as follows:

Six New England States, 3,480,397 whites, 30,701 colored—3,511,098 total; five Middle States, 9,072,647 whites, 352,469 colored—9,425,116 total; thirteen Southern States, 6,764,928 whites, 3,884,532 colored—10,649,460 total; thirteen Western and Pacific States, 12,556,081 whites, 811,493 colored—13,367,574 total; nine Territories, 435,774 whites, 54,176 colored—489,950 total. Total United States, 32,109,827 whites; colored, 4,633,371—total, 36,743,198.

This is an increase from the total population of 1866 of 2,237,376, and a total increase since 1860 of 5,298,118. The total colored population (slave and free) in the Southern States in 1860 is set down in this report at 3,890,037, and in 1867, 3,884,532, a falling off of 5,505. In consulting the census of the United States, however, we find that it gives the number of colored persons (slaves and free) in the Southern States in 1860 at 4,435,709, and if this is correct the falling off of the colored population of the Southern States since 1860 shows the large aggregate of 551,177.

During the ten years from 1857 to 1867 their increase was 796,947, and every previous decade for seventy years had shown a steady and large increase. The total population, white and black, of the Southern States has increased from 10,259,017 in 1860 to 10,649,460 in 1867. The white population has increased in the South since 1860, 395,948, so that the numerical losses of the war, that section are more than compensated. Whilst, however, this is a slight gain, notwithstanding the losses of the war, it will be sufficient, in order to estimate what a check to progress in population the South has received, to remember that the actual gain of the whole population in the fifteen slaveholding States from 1850 to 1860 was 2,627,000.

The value of total domestic exports from the United States during the twelve months ending June 30th, 1868, was \$454,188,590. Of these breadstuffs were valued at \$68,784,348, cotton, \$152,782,810, gold and silver \$83,746,161. The total re-exports were \$22,195,438. Value of total import entries \$373,409,418.

The tonnage of American and foreign vessels which entered and cleared at each collection district of the United States from and to foreign countries during the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1868, was: Entered, American, tonnage, 3,550,550; foreign 4,495,465—total 8,046,015; Cleared, American, 3,717,956; foreign, 4,561,060—total 8,279,016.

BUFFALOES ON THE PLAINS.—A gentleman just from the plains informs the New York Times that buffaloes are at this time to be found in immense herds. At a distance of two hundred and fifty miles west of the Missouri river, on the Kansas Pacific road, he passed through a herd covering a surface of five hundred square miles, and containing probably over a million buffaloes. The number of dead buffaloes lying on the line of the road, shot by passengers as the cars go along, is very great, and the informant says there is enough meat lying there at this time, easy of transportation, to feed all the poor people in America.

WILD GAME IN VIRGINIA.—Wild game, such as deer, turkeys, &c. are very plenty in our mountains and ridges. More deer have been sent to eastern markets from this place than ever before in any one season. One individual residing on the "Locker place," near Big Mountain, some twelve miles south of this place, brought in nine deer and a bear on Monday last.—*Romney Intelligence*.

AN IMPOSTOR.—A young man named Price; hailing from Kent county, Md. has been arrested in Richmond, Va. for representing himself to be Judge Joseph A. Wickes, of Chestertown, and thereby enabled to obtain privileges whereby he committed fraud upon the hotel keepers and others.

FREAK OF A SOMNAMBULIST.—A somewhat singular freak of somnambulism has just been related to us. A gentleman living in the Seventh Ward, one morning in a drawer, and although strict search was made, no clue to the missing cash could be found. The money was taken from a drawer which was kept locked and the key in the gentleman's pocket. The drawer had been opened, the money taken out, the drawer locked and the key returned to the gentleman's pocket. The affair was involved in mystery, which was not removed the next day, when a set of silver spoons was missed. The servants were suspected, and as a knowledge that the articles had been missed had been kept from them, it was determined to keep a watch the next night. Everything about the house remained quiet until about two o'clock, when a noise was heard. The person who was on the watch peered cautiously through the hall whence came the sounds of footsteps, and saw approaching, the gentleman of the house. He went to the cupboard with stealthy steps, took therefrom a quantity of silver plate and started for the back yard, closely followed by the watchman, who at once suspected the truth of the case. The sleep-walker proceeded cautiously to the woodshed, and covered the plate carefully in a barrel of ashes, and started back to his house. He was awake by the watchman, and was greatly bewildered. The matter was explained and search at once instituted among the ashes for the missing property. The search was rewarded by the discovery of the plate, spoons and greenbacks, safely secreted among the ashes, where they had been deposited by the gentleman who had been unconsciously guilty of robbing himself.—*Milwaukee Sentinel*.

AN ENGLISH LAVENDER FIELD.—There is one sight in old England that is pleasant beyond measure, and that is a lavender field; it pleases from its intrinsic beauty. The lovely color of its flowers all the silk dyers are trying to "match," but can't exactly hit on the shade. Then its fragrance—ah! how inimitable, as the sprays wave with the breeze. In this little island no less than about 270 acres of its precious land is devoted to lavender farming. Each acre yields say 6,200 pounds of flowers. By distillation, about one pound of the oil of lavender; and thus we learn that there is an average production of 17,000 pounds of lavender oil annually. It requires six ounces of this to make a gallon of lavender water, so that Britannia and her children and customers use 45,000 gallons of this favorite spirit. The lavender farms of England are situated at Mitcham in Surrey, and at Hitchin in Hertfordshire. The lavender, when in blossom, is resorted to by all the bee for miles around. The sound of their hum in such vast numbers is quite enchanting; nor do the butterflies neglect visiting so luxurious a feast a taste of which appears to be particularly grateful to them. The bees' love for lavender is so excessive that, at the harvest time, as the sprays fall before the sickle and are tied up in sheaves, they will follow it even at a sacrifice of life, into the boiling still.

On the 4th of August last an International Commercial Convention assembled at Portland, Maine, and the proceedings have just been published in pamphlet form. The delegates to that assembly embraced many of the most distinguished business men of this country and the Canadian dominions, and the interesting subjects of the establishment of free trade upon the continent of North America, and the enlargement of the facilities of transportation by means of railways and canals, regardless of political boundaries, were presented in all their varied forms and with the local surroundings of each section and division of the continent. The principal measures discussed belong to the statesmanship of this period of improvement, when the wave of population sweeps with irresistible force over the entire extent of this continent, and the means for uniting the various sections of the country, by commercial ligaments, so as to secure a unity of all interests, become a matter of the highest consideration. While men are clamoring for the chains to be removed from the limbs of humanity, let them also free trade, commerce and industry from the bondage which the few have imposed upon them.—*Age*.

THREE CHILDREN FROZEN TO DEATH.—We learn from a gentleman just returned from Bloomington, that a family consisting of the parents and three children, the eldest about fourteen years of age, living about eight miles from the above named city, started, in a wagon, on Friday last, for that place, to take the cars. As it was extremely cold, the children were put down in the bottom of the wagon in some straw, and wrapped up in a buffalo robe, the parents thinking they would thus ride comfortably. Nothing was heard from them until they arrived at Bloomington, but when uncovered, they were found to be frozen to death. They had thus passed away without a struggle, and while the parents were pining themselves that they were warm and comfortable, death came and bore away the angel spirits, leaving nothing but the cold and stiffened bodies. Sadly the bereaved ones returned to their home, bearing the lifeless bodies of their children, who, but a few hours before had been full of life and enjoyment.

JEFFERSON DAVIS AND OTHERS.—A petition is in circulation for the pardon of Jefferson Davis and all others under indictment or presentment for having been engaged in the rebellion. Thus far, we believe, it has only been signed by democratic members of Congress; but there are a great many others who would be very glad to see an end put to this dismal farce of trying to impose on the public by pretending to wish to try Davis or anybody else in this matter. It is time the curtain had fallen.—*N. Y. Times, rep.*

Some of the Eastern Shore papers consider it a matter of doubt whether Bishop Lay, now of Arkansas, will accept the position of Bishop of the new Diocese of Easton, to which he was recently elected.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.—On Saturday evening as Mr. George Brady was returning from Washington City, with his team, in some way or other he fell from his seat, and his feet became entangled in or about the hounds of the wagon. It is thought that the fall broke his neck; the horses became frightened and dashed off at full speed. He was by himself at the time, and when his body was taken up from the middle of the road, about a half mile from the District line toward the city, it was found most horribly mangled. From his hips to his neck he was a mass of gashes and bruises; his teeth knocked out, one of his arms torn out of the socket, and by the friction his skin seemed charred. Mr. Brady was a tenant of Mr. Robert Claggett and a most excellent citizen. His death is one of the saddest things that happened in our country for some time. He leaves a widow and some four or five children.—*Marlboro' Gazette*.

MARRIED.

On Wednesday evening last, at the residence of the bride's father, on Holmesia Manor, Cecil county, Md. by Rev. Mr. Pierson, Mr. Henry T. Massey, and Miss Cora, daughter of John Peach, Esq. both of Cecil county.

DIED.

At his residence in Easton, Md. on Saturday the 26th instant, Mr. William Lynch, in the 56th year of his age, formerly of Elkton.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

COUGH AND COLDS.—At the present time when so many persons are suffering from Cough and Lung Diseases, they should bear in mind that Coughs, Croup, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, in curing Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Pain in the Breast, Sore Throat, Asthma and all diseases of the Throat and Lungs. It is an excellent remedy for Croup and Hooping Cough. No family should be without it. Sold in Middletown, at Dr. W. H. Barry's Drug Store, for 50 cents a bottle. Russell and Landis, Proprietors Philadelphia. Dec. 12—3mos.

DEAFNESS, BLINDNESS, and CATARRH treated with the utmost success, by J. Isaacs, M. D. and Professor of Disease of the Eye and Ear, in the Medical College of Pennsylvania, 13 years experience, (formerly of Leyden, Holland.) No. 805 Arch Street, Phila. Testimonials can be seen at his office. The medical faculty are invited to accompany their patients, as he has no secrets in his practice. Artificial eyes inserted without pain. No charge for examination.

THE MARKETS.

MIDDLETOWN MARKET.

Wheat, prime red	90¢
Corn yellow, New	25
White	10
Oats	46¢
Timothy Seed	4.25
Kent Seed	9.00
Butter, cream	30¢
Chickens (Dressed)	12¢
Ducks	13¢
Geese	14¢
Turkeys	16¢
Lard	16¢
Hogs	10¢
Beef	18¢
Lamb	20¢
Pork	16¢
Shon deer	14¢
Potatoes	80¢

PHILADELPHIA.
Prime red wheat.....\$1 90¢
Corn, new white.....90¢
Oats.....74¢
WILMINGTON.
Wheat red.....\$1 90¢
Corn, New.....90¢
Oats.....74¢
Flour.....\$2 50¢

PUBLIC SALE.

The Subscriber will sell at public sale, on the premises, near Head of Sassafras, Md. on Sunday, January 9th, 1869, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The following property, viz:

TWO HEADS OF HORSES, one a beautiful roan Stallion, from the State of Ohio, and one a fine Bay Horse, 3 superior Milch Cows, one Heifer and 3 Calves, One Farm Wagon and Harness, Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Hoes, Forks, Shovels, and many other articles not necessary to enumerate.

TERMS CASH.

JAMES THORNTON, R. T. P. CLAYTON, Auc.

BARGAINS, BARGAINS,

Cash Buyers Look to your Interest.

S. R. STEPHENS & Co. HAVING opened their New Cash Store, in Middletown, Del., are now prepared to offer to the Public a large and well selected Stock of

DRY GOODS,

GROCERIES, &c

They offer a large lot of CARPETS,

VERY LOW FROM AUCTION.

A FINE STOCK OF

BOOTS AND SHOES,

Cloths, Cassimers, and

Ready Made Clothing.

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Published every Saturday,
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Office corner Main and Scott streets, over
D. L. Dunning's Book and Variety Store.

TERMS.—\$2.00 per annum, payable in advance.
Single copies five cents.

Advertisements.—One square of ten lines,
for the first insertion and 25 cents for each
subsequent insertion. One square one year \$10;
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be paid for in advance. All letters should be addressed to THE
MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT, Middletown, Del.

Our stock consists of Merinoes, blk. col'd Alpaca,
Wool, Poplins, Wool de Laines, Good
assortment of Prints, Cottons and Wool Goods,
1, 1 1/2, 2 1/2, 3 1/2, 4 1/2, 5 1/2, 6 1/2, 7 1/2, 8 1/2, 9 1/2, 10 1/2,
Shirts, Shawls and Hoods, Ladies Vests, Gents
Knit Shirts and Drawers, White and Col'd Blank-
ets.

NEW GOODS

AT
REDUCED PRICES.

NAUDAIN & BROTHER,

are opening a fresh stock of

FALL AND WINTER GOODS,

PURCHASED since the fall in many kinds of
the same. Being bought for Cash, and from
first hands, principally—hence we avoid the second
profit of the jobber and intend giving the advantage
to our liberal friends.

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Knit Shirts and Drawers, White and Col'd Blank-
ets.

HATS AND CAPS, DRUGGETS,
CARPET AND OIL CLOTHS,

Painted Window Shades,
GLOVES, HOSIERIES, AND
FANCY GOODS.

In fact, anything kept in a first class country
store.

We call particular attention to our fine stock of

Over-Coatings, Cloths & Cassimeres,

which we make a Specialty.

Receiving from the Manufacturers, Ladies'
Misses, and Children's Shoes, Gents sewed and
pegged, double upper and sole, Calf Boots, Men's
heavy, winter Boots & Shoes, that we have made
of the best material; and guarantee satisfaction.

MAKERS', SHAD, AND HERRING
Always on Hand.

THOMPSON'S GLOVE FITTING CORSETS
GENTS ARCTIC OVERSHOES,
MENS BUCK GAUNTLETS,
GLOVES, MITTS.

A Stock of Dried Fruit Consisting of

LAYER RAISINS,
NEW DRIED CURRANTS,
NEW DRIED CITRON,
DRIED APPLES.

Also an extra article of

Buckwheat Flour.

Liberal discount for cash, and show Goods with
pleasure.

Dec. 12—1y Middletown.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

AT
D. L. DUNNING'S
VARIETY STORE,
MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE.

Consisting in part of

Books, of every description,
Photograph Albums,
Work Boxes, Fancy Boxes,
Writing Desks, Ladies' Satchels, Pocket
Books, Port Folios, Purse,
Portemonnaies, Sugar Cases, Picture
Frames, Back Gammon Boards, and
Games of all kinds.

Pocket Knives, Sewing Machine Buttons,
Studs, Breast Pins, Finger Rings,
Neck Ties, Meccrum Pipes,
Paper Collars, Perfumery, &c.

Dec. 12—1y

WM. N. BRICE,

WHOLESALE COMMISSION MERCHANT AND
PRODUCE DEALER.

No. 18, Central Market, Delaware
Avenue, above Race Street.

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

PARTICULAR attention paid to the sale of
GRAIN AND LIVE STOCK. All orders
promptly attended to. Consignments respec-
tfully solicited.

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Harry Clayton, " "

Dec. 5, 1868—1y

DOBBINS' ELECTRIC

BOOT POLISH
MAKES A LASTING SHINE.

THOSE who black their boots on Saturday
night with ordinary blacking, don't have
much shine on Sunday, as the polish fades off;
but the shine of

Dobbins' Blacking
Lasts Saturday night and all day Sunday.

It beats any other Blacking made.

Manufactured only by J. B. DOBBINS, at his
Manufactory, 309 and 311 North Second Street
and Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa.

For sale by

JOHN A. REYNOLDS & SONS,
Middletown, Del.

Nov. 28—3m

PRIVATE SALE,

OF
A Very Desirable Residence
in Middletown.

THE subscriber will sell at private sale, his re-
sidence situated on Cass street; nearly new,
convenient and pleasant, containing TWELVE
ROOMS, and warmed by a furnace. There is
a good stable, Carriage House, &c.

The LOT is Ninety feet front by Two Hundred
and fifty feet deep, running back to Scott street,
and well supplied with Standard and Dwarf
Pear Trees, Apple, Peach, Plum, Apricot, Cherry
and Quince Trees, also Grapes, Raspberries,
and Strawberries.

S. B. KELLY,
Middletown, Del.

Dec. 26—2t

PUBLIC SALE,

OF STOCK, FARMING UTENSILS,
Household and Kitchen Furniture.

THE Subscriber will sell at public sale, at his
residence on the "Levee," Appoquinimink
hundred, New Castle county, Delaware, on
Thursday, January 14, 1869, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The following property to wit:

2 Good Work Horses & 4 Good Mules,

1 of the Horses is a good driver, 2 young Milch
Cows, 3 years old; 5 Beef Cows, 1 Heifer, 18
months old; 5 last Spring's Calves, 2 Farm Wa-
gons, one with iron axle, with Peach Body and
springs, one with wood rigging; 2 sets of Wa-
gon harness, 3 sets Plow Gear, Plows, Harrows,
Cultivators, McCormick Reaper & Mower (self
raker) Pennock Hand Corn Sheller, Wheel Har-
row, Carriage Tongue, 2 York Carriages and
Harness; Sleigh and Bells, Buffalo Robe, Horse
Blankets, Double-barrel Shot Gun, Bridge and
Saddle, Collars, Ox Yoke, Cross-cut Saw, Grind
Stone, Cradles, Scythes, Hall Bushel, 200 lbs of
Potatoes, 5 tons of Timothy Hay.

Beds, Bedsteads, Chairs Tables, Looking Glasses,
Carpets, Stoves, Dishes, &c. &c.

TERMS.—The Beef Cows and Pork, and all
sums of \$20 and under, cash. All sums be-
tween \$20 and \$50, six months credit. All sums
over \$50, twelve months credit. Credit payments to
be secured by bankable notes, with approved en-
dorsers, stamps and interest added.

THOS. H. ROTHWELL,
Republican and Tribune copy till day of sale
and send bill to advertiser.

Dec. 26th—1y

MIDDLETOWN ACADEMY.

A First Class Boarding and
DAY SCHOOL,
UNDER THE DIRECTION OF

WARREN I. HICKS, A. B. } PRINCIPAL,
HUDSON A. WOOD, A. B. } ASSISTED BY

Mrs. GENIE H. HICKS and Mrs. MARY WOOD.

FALL Term begins October 5th and ends De-
cember 24th.

WINTER Term begins January 4th and ends
March 26th.

SPRING Term begins April 5th and ends June
25th.

Tuition per Quarter of 12 weeks, payable at the
middle of each Term:

Small Scholars in First Lessons.....\$ 5.00,
Primary Department.....8.00,
Academy Department.....10.00,
Classical Department.....15.00,
Instrumental Music.....12.00,
Vocal Music.....2.00,
Use of Piano.....2.00,
German and French (each extra).....2.00,
Tuition per annum, including board,
wood, lights, and washing.....220.00,
The same per Term.....75.00.

Students charged from the time of entering.
For further particulars address the Principals
for Circulars, Middletown, Del. Oct. 3—1y

JOB PRINTING.

Having received a large supply of new and
beautiful type, we are prepared to do Job Work
of every description, from the finest and most
delicate card, to the largest and most showy
poster.

CARDS, ORDERS FOR
BLANKS, CIRCULARS,
DEEDS, MORTGAGES,
PROGRAMMES, BALL TICKETS,
PAMPHLETS, ENVELOPES,
PAMPHLETS, HANDBILLS,
POSTERS,
HORSE BILLS, &c. &c.

will be promptly attended to, at moderate rates

2d Printing done in Gold, Bronze, and all
kinds of Fancy Colors.

SEND YOUR ORDERS TO

The Transcript Office,
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

Jan 25—1y

THOMAS MASSEY, JR.

CLOCK AND WATCH MAKER,
Main Street, nearly opposite Walker's Hotel,
Middletown, Delaware

CLOCKS, Watches, Jewelry, &c. neatly and
promptly repaired.

Always on hand and for sale, Clocks, Watches,
Plated Ware, Forks, Spoons, Silver Napkin
Rings, Silver Thimbles, Gold Sugar and Tea
Spoons, Butter Knives, Gold Bread-Pans, Ear-
Rings, Finger-Rings, Sleeve Buttons, Watch
Chains, Watch Keys, Key Rings, Steel Watch
Chains, &c.

Dec. 12—1y

GO TO DEAKYNE'S

FOR everything that is nice, in the way of
fresh family loaf bread, Fancy Cakes, su-
perior Apples, &c. &c. Parties
supplied with Cakes, Confectionery, Ice Cream, &c.
to order, at shortest notice. Go to Deakyne's for
everything that is nice.

J. B. DEAKYNE,
Middletown, Del.

August 8—5m

NOTICE.

THE Annual meeting of the Farmers Mutual
Fire Insurance Company of St. Georges and
Appoquinimink Hundreds, will be held at the
Company's office, in Odessa, on the first Monday,
the 4th day of January next, at which time an
Election for Seven Directors, to serve the ensuing
year, will be held.

A year's Interest on the Deposit Notes will be
due at the same time. CHAS. TATMAN,
Dec. 16th, 1868.—4t Secretary.

FOR RENT.

THE STORE HOUSE in Middletown, on the
corner of Main and Broad streets, long oc-
cupied by Lockwood & Tatman, and now by Chas.
Tatman, Jr. This is one of the best business
stands in the town. Possession given on the 25th
of March next. For terms, &c. apply to
RICHARD LOCKWOOD,
Per MARY R. LOCKWOOD,
Dec. 26—1m On the premises.

LOST.

ON Saturday evening, 19th inst. at the New
Castle Station, a BROWN FUR CAP, a
suitable, new, well made, with a long ear-
flap, by Express to J. B. Rogers, New Castle,
Delaware, or leaving it at the office of this paper.
Dec. 28—3t

FOR SALE.

A ONE OR TWO-HORSE PELTON HORSE
POWER. Apply to James C. Johnson, Mid-
dletown, Del. or to
Dec. 26—2w

CHRISTMAS NICK NACKS.

Just in Time.

DEAKYNE'S CONFECTIONERY is brim full
of every thing nice for the Holidays.
He has just received a fresh supply of

CANDIES, Plain and French Mixed,
Raisins, Prunes, Currants,
Dates, Figs, Citron,
Cocoa Nuts, Oranges, Lemons,
Apples, White Grapes, Almonds,
English Walnuts, Pea Nuts,
Cranberries, Hominy, Mince Meat,
CANNED FRUIT, &c. &c.

A great variety of

CHRISTMAS TOYS.

Cakes furnished for Parties and Weddings.
Don't forget to give him a call—
Dec. 19—4t

SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of sundry Writs of Venditioni Ex-
ponas, to me directed, will be exposed to
public sale,

At the Residence of Thomas R. Hop-
kins, in St. Georges Hundred.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DELAWARE.

On Thursday, Dec. 31, 1868, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The following described Personal Property, viz:

7 Horses, 6 Cows, 1 Heifer, 1 yoke of Oxen, 1 Mill
Wagon, 1 Ox Cart, 2 wagons, 4 ploughs, 3 Culti-
vators, 1 York Wagon, 9 sets Carriage and Plow
harness, &c. Beds, Bedsteads, and Bedding, 1
Book Case, Chairs, Tables, Stoves, and other
Household Furniture; Wheat, Corn, and Oats,
&c. Seized and taken into execution as the prop-
erty of Thomas R. Hopkins, and to be sold by
JACOB RICHARDSON, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, New Castle, Dec. 17, A. D. 1868.
December 19—1y

FOR RENT.

A PRODUCTIVE FARM,
NEAR WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA.

CONTAINING 350 ACRES of Arable Land.
There is on it a very fine House, &c. This
Property will be leased, on liberal terms, for sev-
eral years. For particulars, call promptly on
Dec. 19—3t JAMES B. GROOMER, Elton, Md.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

WE have just received a fine Variety of
Goods for the Holidays, consisting of

RAISINS, PRUNES,
CURRANTS, FIGS,
CRANBERRIES, BUCKWHEAT, &c.

Also, Fancy Articles for the Ladies, such as
CLOTH SACKS, KNIT SACKS,
HOODS, SHAWLS, &c.

Which we are selling at reduced prices.
S. R. STEPHENS & CO.
Middletown, Del.

Dec. 12—4t

LOOK AT THIS!!

THE undersigned looks his Overcoat to some
gentleman last Spring, and it has not been
returned. As the weather is growing too cold to
dispense with this outer garment, the gentleman
having it in his possession will please return it
to, and receive the thanks of
L. R. DAVIS,
Middletown, Del.

LUMBER. LUMBER.

THE subscribers offer to the citizens of Middle-
town and surrounding country their thanks
for the very liberal patronage they have received
and embrace this medium in announcing to all
builders and contractors and those in want of
Lumber, that they are prepared to supply them
on the most liberal terms. We have reduced our
price, as the market has demanded, and we think
that they will compare with the city prices. Our
stock is very large, embracing a full assortment of

SPRUCE,
HEMLOCK,
AND OAK FRAMING STUFF,
ALL SIZES.

WHITE PINE BOARDS,
HEMLOCK
OAK PLANK,
WHITE PINE DO.

WHITE PINE SIDING.

YELLOW PINE FLOORING,
HEMLOCK
PLASTERING LATHES.

SPRUCE AND CYPRESS SHINGLES.

PLAIN AND FANCY PICKETING.

SASH, DOORS AND BLINDS.

Building Hardware,
NAILS AND SPECIALITIES.

BRICKS,
CALCINE PLASTER, LIME & HAIR

HEWES' PHOSPHATE.

PAINTS, OIL, TURPENTINE,
VARNISH, DRY JAPAN, GLASS.

J. B. FENDRE & CO.,
On the Railroad, above the National Hotel.
January 25—1y

MANSION HOUSE HOTEL,

North West Corner Fayette & St. Paul Sts.
OPPOSITE BARNUM'S CITY HOTEL,
BALTIMORE.

Isaac Albenston, Proprietor.

This is one of the most pleasant and cen-
tral locations in the city.

January 4, 1868—1y

JOHN FULLMER,

Manufacturer and Dealer in

BOOTS AND SHOES,

No. 408 Market Street,
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

Particular Attention Paid to Custom Work

Oct. 17—1y

FOR RENT.

THE Cottage on Green Lawn Farm, near Mid-
dletown. Possession given at any time.
Dec. 19—4t Apply to WM. BRADY.

FOR SALE.

FIVE THOUSAND WHITE OAK POSTS.

Apply to
JAMES R. ROTHWELL,
Near Middletown, Del.

Nov. 28—3t

WINTER GOODS!!

WINTER GOODS!!

WE would respectfully announce to our cus-
tomers and the public generally that we
are now opening one of the largest and

Best Selected Assortments of

WINTER GOODS,

Ever before brought to this market, consisting in
part as follows:

HEAVY MOSCOW & CANTON BEAVER,
HEAVY FROSTED BEAVER,
BLACK ENGLISH AND FRENCH
DOESKIN CASSIMERES
FANCY AND SILK MIXED CASSIMERES,
MALLALIEW'S, MURPHY'S, AND
DEAN'S HEAVY KERSEYS

LADIES' DRESS GOODS

In great variety, Such as

Fine Plaid, Plain, and Fig'd Poplins,
Black and Colored Alpacaes,
Wool Delaines—all colors,
French Merinoes—all colors

Calicoes, from 6 to 12 1/2 cts.

Brown and Bleached Muslins from 8 to 20 cts,
A large assortment of

Ladies' Single and Double Shawls,
From \$2.00 to \$8.00. Zephyr and Wool Hoods
Breakfast Shawls, Children's Sacks, &c.

LADIES' HOSIERY, GLOVES, &c.

in great variety.

Men's Buck Gloves, Mitts, Gauntlets, Driving
Gloves, &c. A large stock of

MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN'S

BOOTS AND SHOES,
Ball and Brogans,

Made expressly for winter: selected from the best
manufacturers in the city, bought at the very
lowest cash prices, and will be sold at a very
small advance.

Having a large stock of goods to dispose of be-
tween now and the 1st of January next, we
propose to offer to our Cash Trade special induc-
ements. Give us a call and you will be convinced
that money can be saved by buying for cash at
this time.

SCOWDRICK & MOORE'S
Nov. 21—y Middletown, Del.

DELAWARE

Mutual Life Insurance Company,
Wilmington, Del.

PAID IN CAPITAL, \$100,000.00.

JOHN P. McLEAR, President,
GEO. W. STONE, Vice President,
M. M. CHILD, Secretary

DIRECTORS.

John P. McLEAR, Samuel Bancroft, Jr.
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Thos. W. Webb, Wm. G. Gibbons,
William Canby, George W. Stone,
Geo. W. Bush, Jno. V. Rice,
William S. Hilles, W. H. Swift.

This Company offers unusual advantages
to those who desire to avail themselves of the
benefits of Life Insurance. Examine the following
features:

1st.—It is a Home Company, and has adopted
every plan of Life Insurance that is safe and just.

2d.—It's risks are selected with the utmost care
and skill.

3d.—It is a purely mutual Company.

4th.—It offers new features of Loans, original
to itself.

5th.—It is the most economically managed
Company represented in the Peninsula.

6th.—Its excess of funds will be loaned out only
to the members of the Company, thus giving them
the use of the money at once.

7th.—It will loan its members money for a
short time.

8th.—Its rates are from 25 to 30 per cent. lower
than any Mutual Company in Existence.

9th.—Its policies are non-forfeitable after the
first payment.

10th.—It will issue risks from \$25 to \$10,000.

11th.—It insures railroad Employees and haz-
ardous occupations without extra addition to the
premiums.

12th.—It combines Reliability, Low Rates,
Economy, Safety, and all advantages that are to
be derived from Life Insurance.

13th.—It has no notes hanging over the policy,
and demands no interest money in advance;
nor does it ask an extortionable Cash premium.

14th.—It is within the power of the poorest man
as well as the millionaire to protect his wife and
family from want, by taking a policy in this
Company.

First Class Reliable men are wanted in every
locality to act as agents for the Company. Ap-
licants will address the subscriber, with refer-
ences.

Original Poetry.
CARRIER'S ADDRESS.
MIDDLETOWN TRANSCRIPT,
JANUARY 1st, 1868.
The Old Year sleeps! its course for aye is run,
And now we hail the New Year's rising sun.
"Ring out the old, ring in the new,"—this strain
Peals on our ears with glad, or sad refrain.
The Old Year sleeps, to wake no more: the New
Comes with its joys and cares of varied hue.
Still the same tale by hoary time is told—
The New Year's birth, the burial of the Old!
We take a retrospect.—What is the past?
A chequered panorama. First and last
Make up the story of the year gone by—
Blossoms, blossoms, leaves, fruit, each and all to die.
Such is the "TRANSCRIPT" of all earthly things,
And such the "memento" that the season brings.
Look on the scroll on which the past is writ—
Read from the record—tell us what is it?
The answers come upon the listening ear,
Telling the story of the bygone year—
Full many a ship that left the ocean blue,
Freighted with treasure, and with stalwart crew,
With youth and beauty, bounding hearts a wealth,
High hopes and promise, buoyant all with health,
Victim of storms, has sunk beneath the surge,
While wailing winds have sung their funeral dirge.
The Earth, convuls'd with shudd'ring quake and
spasm,
Hath opened wide the deep, unfathom'd chasm;
While thousands, startled by its awful roar,
Have looked their last, and sunk to rise no more.
R-d-handed murder, rapine, lust and war,
O'er the wide world have urged their bloody car;
While gain and greed, dishonesty and pride,
Have roll'd, unchecked, their dark and swollen tide.
While white-robed virtue, pitiful and pale,
Hath hid her face beneath her snowy veil,
Waiting and weeping for the coming day,
When Heaven shall throne her in her peerless sway.
Lo! from IBERIA, land whose honored name
Hath linked the story of its knightly fame,
To deeds of chivalry in days of yore,
Comes up a shout (re-echoed to our shore)
Telling that Castile, proud and noble Spain,
Spurns from her limbs the wanton tyrant's chain.
And here, at home, this fair Republic, here—
What record have we of "the bygone year?"
Faction and party, with gigantic stride,
March through the land in insolence and pride,
Flush with success, and armed with purchased
power;
Let them move on—not long the coming hour
When truth and justice shall resume their sway,
And lift the nation to a brighter day.
Lo! you proud dome! where once the gallant
Clay,
Webster, Calhoun, Benton, had their day,
When statesmen from the East, West, South and
North,
Pour'd the rich tide of patriot fervor forth,
When the towers of strength before the land they
stood,
The bold, the brave, the noble and the good—
Where are they now? we ask—they are not there:
Where are they now? an echo answers "where!"
A pigmy race, the mushrooms of the hour,
Born of corruption, in the land hold power—
Sit in that temple, once by sages trod,
[Each upstart fancying himself a god.]—
Make laws, give edicts, spawn of passions wild,
And thus the temple of the nation is defiled!
Fierce in their rule and cruel in their rage—
But let them fret upon their little stage,
The time will come, "the sober, second thought"
With retribution for the present, fraught,
These demagogues when hurled from power, shall
East, West, North, South, the people shall be free!
But, yet, 'twere foolhardy for the carrier boy,
On this glad day our pleasures to alloy
By wandering off to subjects so diverse,
That time would fall, exhaustless prove his verse.
Here, here at home, we join in thankful lay
To welcome in this joyous New Year's day;
And if our numbers be not bold, nor strong,
Remember 'tis the little Carrier's song.
Your little carrier boy—who will refuse
To hear his song, or patronize his muse?
Who, whom he strives to serve, will now refrain,
To make their pleasure, his small new year's
gain?
He might descend on many, variant themes,
Themes that might burden Poet's, Prophets'
dreams;
You might not hear, but ere he says "farewell,"
Let him the future of our country tell.
—The time shall come, in coming years shall be,
When, (not in name) our nation shall be free.
When men, inspired by patriot truth and zeal,
Shall work together for the common weal;
When Art and Science, by Religion led,
(From Zion's brook, from trees of knowledge fed)
Shall meet and mingle at one common board,
And in one hymn shall praise one common Lord;
When men shall learn the arts of war no more—
When one grand To Dem, from shore to shore
Shall rise to heaven in one triumphant strain,
To welcome in Messiah's deathless reign!
His day is o'er, quenched is his post-fire,
And hushed the notes from unpaired lyre,
Yet, ere the lingering echoes die away,—
To one I bid adieu, "A Happy New Year's Day!"
A young lady being told that her lover
had been suddenly killed, exclaimed: "O,
that splendid gold watch of his! Give it
to me; I give me something that I may cherish
his memory."

HOOPLAND'S GERMAN BITTERS
AND
Hooiland's German Tonic.
The Great Remedy for all Diseases of the
LIVER, STOMACH, OR DIGESTIVE
ORGANS.
HOOPLAND'S GERMAN BITTERS
Is composed of the purest juices (or, as they are
medicinally termed *Batrachs*) of Roots, Herbs,
and Barks, making a preparation, highly concentrated,
and entirely free from all alcoholic admixture
of any kind.
Hooiland's German Tonic
Is a combination of all the ingredients of the
Bitters, with the purest quality of *Santa Cruz*
Rum, Orange, &c. making one of the most pleasant
and agreeable remedies ever offered to the public.
Those preferring a Medicine free from Alcoholic
admixture, will use
Hooiland's German Bitters.
Those who have no objection to the combination
of the Bitters, as stated, will use
HOOPLAND'S GERMAN TONIC
They are both equally good, and contain the
same medicinal virtues, the choice between the
two being a mere matter of taste, the Tonic being
the most palatable.
The stomach, from a variety of causes such as
Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Nervous Debility, etc., is
very apt to have its functions deranged. The
Liver, sympathizing as closely as it does with the
Stomach, then becomes affected, the result of
which is the patient suffers from several or more
of the following diseases:
Constipation, Flatulence, Inward Piles, Fulness
of Blood to the Head, Acidity of the Stomach,
Nausea, Heartburn, Disregard for Food, Fulness
or Weight in the
Stomach, Sour Eructations,
Sinking or Fluttering
at the Pit of the Stomach,
Swimming of
the Head, Hur-
ried or Difficult
Breathing, Fluttering
at the Heart, Choking or
Suffocating Sensations when in
a Lying Posture, Dimness of Vision,
Dots or Webs before the Sight, Dull
Pain in the Head, Deficiency of Perspiration,
Yellowness of the Skin and Eyes, Pain in the
Side, Back, Chest, Limbs, etc., Sudden Flushes
of Heat, Burning in the Flesh, Con-
stant Imaginings of Evil, and
Great Depression of Spirits.
The sufferer from these diseases should exercise
the greatest caution in the selection of a remedy
for his case, purchasing only that which he is
assured from his investigations and inquiries, is
guaranteed true merit, is skillfully compounded, is free
from injurious ingredients, and has established
for itself a reputation for the cure of these diseases.
In this connection we would submit these
well-known remedies—
Hooiland's German Bitters,
AND
Hooiland's German Tonic
PREPARED BY DR. C. M. JACKSON,
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
Thirty-five years since they were first intro-
duced into this country from Germany, during
which time they have undoubtedly performed
more cures, and benefited suffering humanity to
a greater extent than any other remedies known
to the public.
These remedies will effectually cure Liver Com-
plaint, Jaundice, Dyspepsia, Chronic or Nervous
Debility, Chronic Diarrhoea, Diseases of the Kid-
neys, and all Diseases arising from a disordered
Liver's Stomach or Intestines.
DEBILITY.
Resulting from any cause whatever; prostration
of the system, induced by severe labor, pros-
tration, exposure, fevers, &c.
There is no medicine extant equal to these reme-
dies in such cases. The Tonic, which is imparted
to the whole system, the appetite is strength-
ened, food is enjoyed, the stomach digests pro-
perly, the blood is purified, the complexion be-
comes sound and healthy, the yellow tinge is
eradicated from the face, a blood is given to the
cheeks, and the weak and nervous invalid be-
comes a strong and healthy being.
Persons advanced in life and feeling the hand of
time weighing heavily upon them, with all its
attendant ills, will find in the use of this Tonic,
or the Tonic, an elixir that will instill new life
into their veins, restore in a measure the vigor
of their arduous or more youthful days, build up
their shattered frames, and give health and happiness
to their remaining years.
NOTICE.
It is a well established fact that fully one-half of
the female portion of our population are seldom
in the enjoyment of good health, or, to use their
own expression, "never feel well." They are
tired, devoid of all energy, extremely nervous,
and have no appetite.
To this class of persons the Bitters, or the
Tonic is especially recommended.
WEAK AND DELICATE CHILDREN
Are made strong by the use of either of these
remedies. They will cure every case of Maras-
mus without fail.
TESTIMONIALS.
Hon. Geo. W. Woodward,
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pa. writes:
Philadelphia, March 16, 1867.
"I find Hooiland's German Bitters a good
tonic, useful in the diseases of the digestive or-
gans, and of great benefit in cases of debility, and
of nervous action in the system."
Yours, truly,
GEO. W. WOODWARD.
Hon. James Thompson,
Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania,
Philadelphia, April 28, 1866.
"I consider 'Hooiland's German Bitters' a
valuable medicine in case of attacks of Indigestion
or Dyspepsia. I can certify this from my own
experience of it. Yours, with respect,
JAMES THOMPSON.
From Rev. J. H. Kennard, D. D.
Pastor of the Third Baptist Church, Philadelphia.
Dr. Jackson:—Dear Sir: I have been fre-
quently requested to connect my name with rec-
ommendations of different kinds of medicines,
but regarding the practice as out of my appro-
priate sphere, I have in all cases declined, but
with a clear proof in various instances, and par-
ticularly in my own family, of the use of Dr.
Hooiland's German Bitters, I depart for once
from my usual course, to express my full con-
viction that, for general debility of the system, and
especially for Liver Complaint, it is a safe and
valuable preparation. In some cases it may fail;
but usually, I doubt not, it will be very benefi-
cial to those who suffer from the above causes.
Yours, very respectfully,
J. H. KENNARD,
Eighth, below Coates St.
From Rev. E. D. Fendall,
Assistant Editor, Christian Chronicle, Philada.
I have derived direct benefit from the use of
Hooiland's German Bitters, and feel it my privi-
lege to recommend them as a most valuable tonic,
to all who are suffering from general debility, or
from diseases arising from derangement of the
liver. Yours, truly,
E. D. FENDALL.
CAUTION.—See that the signature of C. M.
Jackson is on the wrapper of each bottle. All
others are counterfeit.
Principal Office and Manufactory at No. 621
Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.
CHARLES M. EVANS, Proprietor.
PRICE.—Hooiland's German Bitters, per bot-
tle, \$1.00—half dozen, \$5.00. Hooiland's German
Tonic, put up in quart bottles, \$1.50 per bottle,
or a half dozen for \$7.50.
FOR SALE BY ALL
Druggists and Storekeepers, Everywhere.
Dug, 1-1 year.

Delaware Rail Road Line.
Fall Arrangement.
ON and after MONDAY, October 5th, 1868,
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